

# **LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

**Members Present:** Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Kim Allen; Sheriff John Aubrey; Evan Roach (Designee for Gary Barnes); Jamie Allen (Designee for Mark Bolton); Letitia Jones (Designee for Timothy D. Cox); Sheriall Cunningham; Mike O'Connell; Judge Sadiqa Reynolds (Designee for Judge Sean Delahanty); Judge Eleanore Garber (Designee for Judge Patricia Walker-Fitzgerald); Dan Goyette; Roger Henderson; Bishop Walter Jones, Jr.; Carla Kreitman; Richard Lewis; David L. Nicholson; Judge James Shake; Shane Smith; Col. Robert White; and Carla Kirby (Designee for Clarence Williams).

**Excused Members:** Elisa Freeman-Carr; and Candy Hill.

**Guests Present:** Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Dr. Peggy Kidwell (Criminal Psychologist); Rich O'Malley (Jefferson County Attorney's Office); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Julie Segal (Freelance Writer); and Deborah Watson (Student).

**Staff Present:** Betsy Helm; Dr. Deborah Keeling; Bruce McMichael; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

## **I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Bartholomew called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF AUGUST 27, 2009 MEETING**

The summary of the August 27, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

## **III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Judge Bartholomew reported that the 2010 Meeting Schedule is complete and a copy is included in the meeting packet. The Board will meet every other month beginning in February. Meetings will continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Crown Room. Special attention was drawn to the change in the December 2009 meeting date. There will be a short business meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> after which members will adjourn to enjoy a Holiday Reception.

Additionally, Judge Bartholomew provided an update on the status of the E-Subpoena and Day Reporting Center Projects. The Requests for Proposal (RFP) for both projects were let for bid in September and final vendor selection will take place in November and December.

Bruce McMichael reported that he testified before Metro Council's Public Safety Committee on October 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed revisions to the Criminal Justice Commission ordinance. With committee approval, the ordinance will return to the full Council for final approval on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION**

##### *Domestic Violence Intake Center (DVIC) Update*

David Nicholson, Circuit Court Clerk  
Mike O'Connell, Jefferson County Attorney

David Nicholson began the presentation by acknowledging today as the official opening of the expanded Domestic Violence Intake Center. Mr. Nicholson thanked the CJC Board, its staff, and the members of the Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Council (DVPCC) for their dedication to the Center, from its initial concept in the mid 1990's to its grand opening today. Special attention was drawn to the agencies that worked together to make the center a reality only one year after its announcement. Those agencies include: Kosair Charities; Norton Healthcare Foundation; Louisville Metro Council; Jefferson County Sheriff; Jefferson County Attorney; and the Circuit Court Clerk.

Mike O'Connell echoed Mr. Nicholson's sentiments in his comments. He made special note of the structural changes that were made in the Hall of Justice and noted that the changes have resulted in improved work space for the employees as well as improved service to victims. Richard O'Malley, Jefferson County Attorney's office, added that the DVIC also houses the Warrant Intake Center for complaints that are not related to domestic violence.

##### *University of Louisville – PEACC Program* *Sharon LaRue, Director*

PEACC is an acronym for **P**revention, **E**ducation, **A**dvocacy on **C**ampus and in the **C**ommunity. The program at the University of Louisville began in 1999 with funding from a federal Department of Justice grant. It was the first campus-based organization in the nation to receive this grant.

Most PEACC resources are spent in prevention and education to reduce the risk of violence. According to Ms. LaRue, there are approximately 60 on-campus incidents of violence reported each year. Recently, the University of Louisville has witnessed an increase in cyber-stalking incidents as well as incidents involving drugs added to the drinks of unknowing victims (date rape type drugs). PEACC identified the Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Gay, & Trans-gender community as being at a higher risk of violence.

In addition to Self-Defense, PEACC education classes include training in "How to Be an Effective By-Stander." Additionally, Ms. LaRue noted that Critical Thinking Skills, usually taught in the classroom, can also be used effectively in social interactions and in developing healthy relationships. Prevention efforts have included escort services for students attending late classes, crime alert texting, and self-defense classes.

**V. METRO JUSTICE FORUM  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

Dr. Deborah Keeling drew attention to the inaugural issue of the *Metro Justice Forum* provided in the meeting packet. The quarterly newsletter will increase the visibility of the Criminal Justice Commission and its activities by providing readers with topical articles and information to promote dialogue and critical thinking about significant community public safety issues. The next edition will be released in January 2010.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Legislative Committee**

Stephanie Stidham drew attention to two documents in the meeting packet. The first document includes a list of legislative suggestions that were recommended and approved by the legislative committee. The second document contains a summary of criminal justice-related pre-filed bills. Ms. Stidham voiced concern regarding the state budget shortage and its potential to limit the number of bills filed or passed.

She then asked State Representative Joni Jenkins to discuss BR 145 which would allow dating partners to obtain domestic violence protective orders. According to Representative Jenkins, Kentucky is one of only three or four states without dating Emergency Protective Order laws. The Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary will hear the bill in November. She anticipates that several domestic violence-related bills will be filed in the upcoming session.

**VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.